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Title: INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANT WITH REDUCED CONTACT AREA AND METHOD

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- Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- Request For Continued Examination and fee of \$770.00
- Amendment and Response  
The fee has been calculated as shown below in the "Claims as Amended" table
- Terminal Disclaimer and check for \$110.00
- Check in the amount of \$438.00 for additional claims fee
- Return postcard

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims				
35	- 25	= 10	x 18.00	= \$180.00
Independent Claims				
9	- 6	= 3	x 86.00	= \$258.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$438.00

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